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SUBJECT: LOCAL PRESS LISTS "SECRET SPY ORGANIZATION" IN THE U.S.

1. THE VIENTIANE CITY NEWSPAPER "VIENTIANE MAI" MARCH
23 AND 24 PUBLISHED A TWO PART ARTICLE THAT RESPONDED
TO A "READER'S QUESTION" AS TO WHAT "SECRET SPY ORGANIZATIONS"
EXISTED IN THE U.S. "IN ADDITION TO THE C.I.A."
THE RESPONSE LISTED:

A) THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY: "ITS MISSION IS
TO OBSERVE AND APPRAISE THE MILITARY POWER AND
WEAPONS SYSTEMS OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES. IT HAS 5,000
STAFFERS AND RECEIVES 125 MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR."

B) THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY: ITS MISSION IS "TO
GATHER INTELLIGENCE ON ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY, TO
MONITOR MOVEMENTS OF ENEMY MILITARY AND TO CREATE
INSTRUMENTS FOR SPYING." NSA'S FUNDING AND STAFFING
IS DESCRIBED AS "UNKNOWN".

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C) BUREAU OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH: ITS MISSION
IS "TO SPY ON THE FOREIGN POLICY OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES
AND ALSO TO COLLECT
AND ANALYZE NEWS OF IMPORTANT
EVENTS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES." THE ARTICLE CONTINUES,
"ITS MEMBERS ARE EXPERTS IN DIFFERENT FIELDS WHO WORK
IN A CENTRAL OFFICE BUT WHO ARE ALSO ASSIGNED TO WORK

IN EMBASSIES AND VARIOUS MISSIONS."

D) THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION: ITS MISSION IS "TO CONTROL THE DEVELOPMENT OF ATOMIC POWER AND TO SPY ON THE PROGRESS MADE BY FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN ATOMIC RESEARCH." IT HAS AN ANNUAL BUDGET OF 250 MILLION DOLLARS, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE.

E) THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. "IT CONTROLS TAXES AND PRODUCES GUNS, CONTROLS AND PREVENTS DRUG TRADE AND COOPERATES WITH THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE TO PREVENT INTERNATIONAL CRIME."

F) THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION: "THIS ORGANIZATION IS SIMILAR TO A NATIONAL POLICE FORCE, IT INVESTIGATES PERSONAL SECRETS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND (SUCH THING AS) THE PRESIDENT'S ASSASSINATION, WATERGATE, COMMUNIST ACTIVITY AND THE ATTITUDE OF SOME PEOPLE WHO REPRESENT DANGERS TO THE NATIONAL STABILITY." THE ARTICLE STATES THAT THE STAFF IS 20,000 AND THAT THE ANNUAL BUDGET IS 400 MILLION DOLLARS.

2. THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY IS DESCRIBED AS "CARRYING ON STRATEGIC PLANNING...REPORTING TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND TO THE PRESIDENT. THIS ORGANIZATION IS DEPENDENT AND CAN SPEND ALL THE MONEY IT WISHES...WITH A (REGULAR) ANNUAL BUDGET OF 1.25 BILLION DOLLARS AND 10,000 OFFICIALS. THIS ORGANIZATION CONDUCTS SECRET INVESTIGATION IN THE ECONOMIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND MILITARY FIELDS. CIA MEMBERS ARE ASSIGNED IN EMBASSIES, CONSULATES, AND VARIOUS U.S. MISSION IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES. SOME ARE TRAVELERS, ADVENTURERS, OR UNDER THE DISGUISE OF EXPERTS, CHARITY WORKERS, VOLUNTEERS AND STUDENTS."
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